



## Jesus, Servant Leader

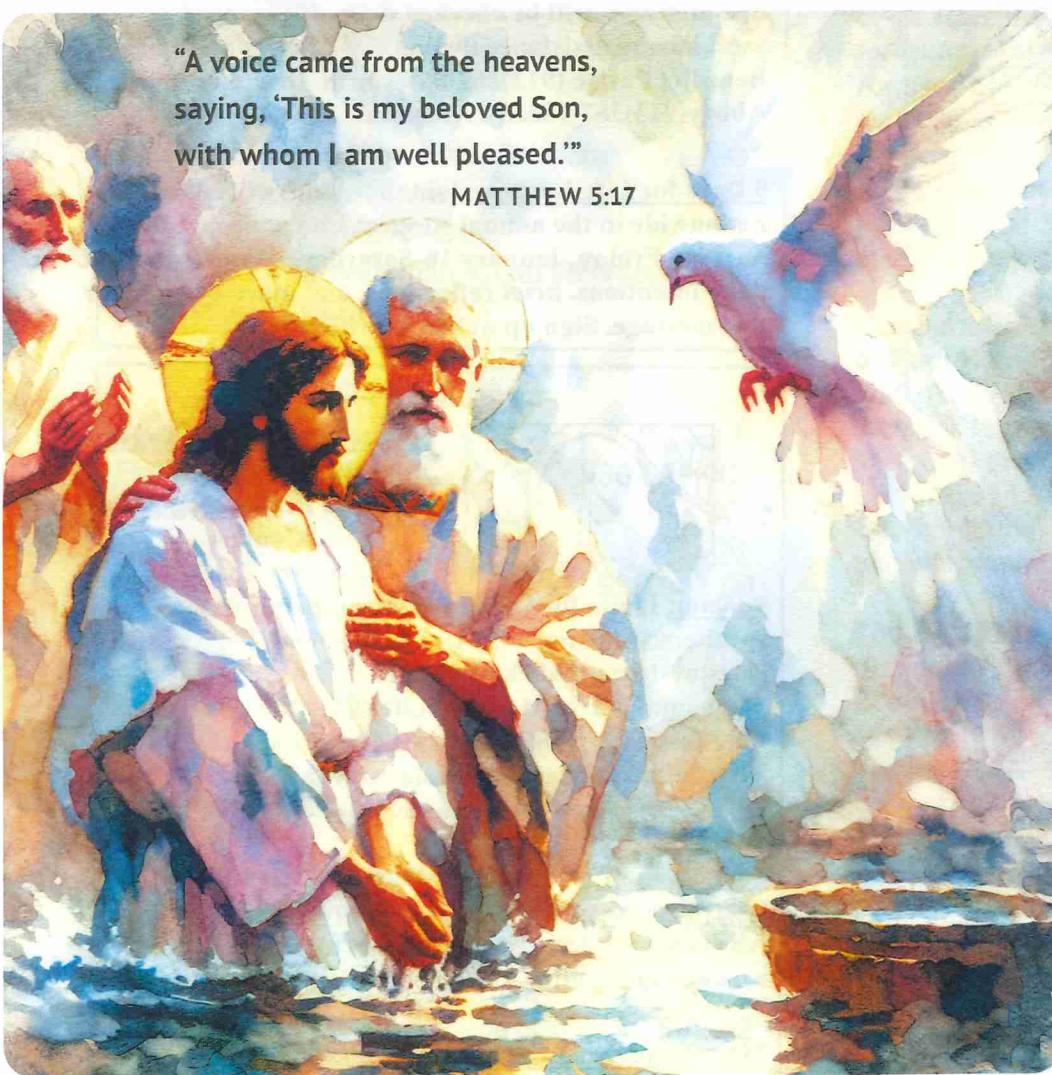
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**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



**“A voice came from the heavens,  
saying, ‘This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.’”**

MATTHEW 3:17

### Reflect

*This week, I’ll think  
about my baptism,  
when I was called to  
serve as Jesus served.*



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

**St. Joseph Catholic Church,**  
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**St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
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**Sacraments**  
**Reconciliation** Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph  
**Marriage** Six-month notice required 18 months if annulments needed  
**Anointing** Please let us know of any hospital admissions  
**Baptism** For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sat.	Jan 10	5:00 pm	Corpus Christi
	† Gerald Kramer		
Sat.	Jan 10	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	† Gene and Darlene Sittenauer		
Sun.	Jan 11	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Mark Wilson		
Sun.	Jan 11	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Jan 12	No Mass	
Tue.	Jan 13	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Gail Coker-Carr		
Wed.	Jan 14	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Jeannie Pollard		
Thu.	Jan 15	8:00am	St. Mary's
	† Francis E. "Smitty" Schmidt		
Fri.	Jan 16	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Harold and Gelene Weishaar		
Sat.	Jan 17	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	† Tina Gaspard		
Sat.	Jan 17	7:00pm	St. Joseph
	Mass for the People		
Sun.	Jan 18	8:00am	St. Joseph
	† Vincent and Phyllis Bertels		
Sun.	Jan 18	10:00 am	St. Mary's
	† Deceased members of Knights of Columbus		



**Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions**

St. Joseph  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
Corpus Christi  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm  
St. Mary's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Noon Wednesday

**No Daily Masses, Adoration, or confessions January**

**19-23** while Father William is away for a conference. The parish office will be open normal operating hours and messages will be checked daily. If you need sacramental assistance during this time, contact St. Benedict Parish (913)367-0671 or St. Benedict's Abbey(913)367-7853 in Atchison.

**9 Days for Life Novena**- Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Friday, January 16-Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!



**Ignite for Life and Kansas March for Life**  
Topeka Performing Arts Center  
January 28, 2026

**9:00am:** Ignite for Life. Live music, inspirational speakers, ministry fair. All are welcome. Registration is requested: [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)

**10:30am:** Kansas Mass for Life. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Kansas Bishops and Priests.

**Noon:** Kansas March for Life. March from the Topeka Performing Arts Center to the Capitol for the Kansans for Life Rally.

**1:00-3:00pm:** Adoration at MaterDei Assumption Church across from the Capitol building. All events are free. For more information visit: [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)

**Mass Time Swap Feb. 7/8:** St. Mary's, Saturday 5pm followed by Chili Bingo  
Corpus Christi, Sunday, 10am

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kyle Perkis	Jeremy Heinen
Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Roxie Herring	Dorothy Herring
Jenna Amack	Tynen DarveauxSr.

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

## January Appointments

**Ushers:** Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh, Nate Heinen

**Lay Ministers:** Joyce Heinen, Larry Heinen, Megan Belveal

**Rosary:** Larry Martin

### January 18

**Lector:** Jolina Wildeman

**Music:** Marley Hamon, Patty Bendure

**Servers:** Jack Warth, Waylon Allen

**Gifts:** Thomas Welsh Family

**Finance:** Jarett Wildeman, Chad Mooradian

**Sacristan:** Lesa Brose

## Contributions

### 12/28/2025

Projects and Maintenance.....	36,000.00
Plate.....	182.00
Support.....	<u>765.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,947.00</b>

### 12/31/2025

Support.....	50.00
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### 1/1/2026

Plate.....	88.00
Support.....	<u>130.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$218.00</b>

### 1/4/2026

Projects and Maintenance.....	1000.00
Plate.....	166.00
Support.....	<u>1636.82</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,802.82</b>

**Bulletin additions or corrections:** Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call)

**BIRTHRIGHT** celebrated its 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in providing support to women and their babies. In the last 12 months they had 434 office visits and 176 calls. They provided pregnancy tests, layettes, diapers, baby clothes and maternity clothes. There is a baby bed in the bell tower entrance with lists of what they need. This year they are seeing a big need for diapers in sizes 4-6. Birthright needs clothing in sizes 12 months to 3T. Your help is appreciated. Birthright is always in need of volunteers. **There will be a second collection and a benefit breakfast for Birthright on Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHILI-BINGO** will be held Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar for a fun night.

## MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The 29th annual conference will be held Saturday, February 21st at the Church of the Ascension in Overland Park.

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Course starting in February.** Take control of your money with Dave Ramsey's [Financial Peace University](#)! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future! Sessions start on February 8 at St. Mary's. More information to follow shortly.

Our parish extends our sympathy to the family of **Paul Heinen** who died on January 2nd. Rosary recitation will be 5:30 PM, Friday January 16th at St. Mary's Church with Visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM Saturday, January 17 at St. Mary's Church. Inurnment at St. Mary's Cemetery will be at a later date.

**The SAVARIA LIFT has been completed and inspected.** To use the lift, park on the east side of Church and an usher will assist you. The lift can eventually be used by any parishioner with proper training.

**THE WORD AMONG US** has daily meditations and Mass readings. FREE copies are available for you to take home.

## St Mary's Immaculate Conception

### Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

# Dear Padre,

**Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.**

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

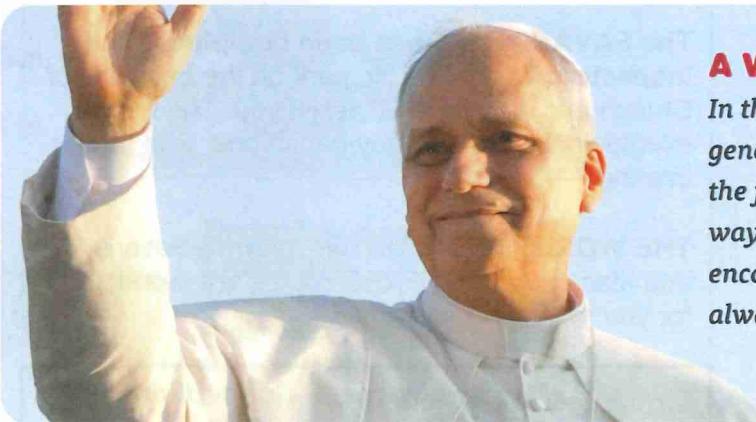
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony,	Second Sunday
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Abbot	in Ordinary Time
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.*

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025